

Remarks

Entrance of this Amendment and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested. Upon entrance of this Amendment, claims 1, 3, 5-14, 16, 21 & 22 will be pending.

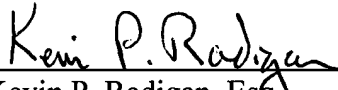
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 21 & 22, and the indication of allowability of claims 4-6 & 12-16 if rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In accordance with the Amendments submitted herewith, the subject matter of allowable claim 4 is presented in amended claim 1, while the subject matter of allowable claim 15 is presented in amended claim 9. Based upon these amendments, independent claims 1 & 9 are believed to be in condition for allowance, as well as all claims which depend therefrom. These amendments are submitted without acquiescence to the substance of the rejection stated in the final Office Action, and are believed to render that rejection moot. In view of the amendments to the claims submitted herewith, dependent claims 2, 4 & 15 are canceled without prejudice since the subject matter of allowable dependent claims 4 & 15 has respectively been rewritten into amended independent claims 1 & 9.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,


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